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SUBJ: INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. FOLLOWING IS ICEM STATUS REPORT ON INDOCHINA
REFUGEE MOVEMENTS TO US FOR WEEK ENDING AUG 29, 1975.
LISTED FIGURES RELATE TO AUTHORIZED JULY 22 QUOTAS
ESTABLISHED BY IATF.

COUNTRY	AUTHORIZED QUOTA	MOVEMENTS EFFECTED 22/7-29/8	BALANCE OF QUOTA
THAILAND	3,800	980	2,820
HONG KONG	1,300	748	522
KOREA	640	613	27
TAIWAN	110	-	110

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MALAYSIA	700	691	9
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SINGAPORE	400	170	230
TOTAL	6,950	3,202	3,748

ONLY TWO MOVEMENTS TOOK PLACE DURING WEEK AUG 24-29.
ONE FLIGHT FROM THAILAND WITH 342 REFUGEES AND ONE
FROM HONG KONG WITH 79 REFUGEES.

2. THAILAND: ONE CHARTER FLIGHT WILL DEPART ON
3 SEPT CARRYING BETWEEN 175 AND 200 REFUGEES. ICEM
IS WAITING FOR REPLY FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF FILLING A SECOND CHARTER FLIGHT ON
11 SEPT WITH 252 REFUGEES AND 22 SEPT WITH ANOTHER
345 REFUGEES. ICEM BANGKOK OFFICE REPORTS THAT
EMBASSY ESTIMATES THERE MIGHT BE 1,000 ELIGIBLE
LAOTIANS FOR MOVEMENT TO US. HOWEVER, 90 PERCENT
OF THESE ARE WITHOUT SPONSORS WHICH WILL REDUCE
MOVEMENTS TO SMALL GROUPS.

ALTHOUGH NOT RELATED TO MOVEMENTS TO US,
ICEM REPORTS UNHCR IS NOT GRANTING LAOTIAN AND
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM LAOS ELIGIBILITY FOR
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. BECAUSE OF THIS, DESTITUTE
REFUGEES FROM THESE GROUPS ACCEPTED BY FRANCE
CANNOT BE MOVED. MISSION REQUESTS DEPARTMENT
GUIDANCE ON HOW THESE REFUGEES CAN BE FUNDED AND
MOVED.

3. HONG KONG: A CHARTER FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED FOR
3 SEPT CARRYING BETWEEN 150-175 REFUGEES. A
SECOND FLIGHT IS PLANNED FOR 11 SEPT CARRYING
146 REFUGEES. AFTER DEPARTURE OF THESE FLIGHTS
ICEM ESTIMATES 200 REFUGEES WILL REMAIN FROM 1,300
QUOTA. ICEM HONG KONG OFFICE REPORTS ESTIMATED 1,350
ELIGIBLE REFUGEES IN CAMPS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HOPE
QUOTA WILL BE INCREASED TO EFFECT MOVE-
MENT OF THESE REFUGEES.

4. KOREA: WITH SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF 79 REFUGEES
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ON 28 AUG, ICEM REPORTS ALL ELIGIBLE REFUGEES HAVE
NOW BEEN MOVED FROM KOREA. IF INDIVIDUAL CASES
SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR MOVEMENT TO US AND THIRD
COUNTRIES, ICEM HONG KONG WILL HANDLE MOVEMENTS.

5. TAIWAN: ICEM HONG KONG OFFICE HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY TAIPEI
SO 110 CAN BE MOVED WHEN FINAL CLEARANCES RECEIVED.

6. SINGAPORE: ICEM PROPOSES A FLIGHT WITH 165
REFUGEES ON 16 SEPT. THEY WAITING TO HEAR FROM
EMBASSY AND IATF IF SUFFICIENT NUMBER REFUGEES
WILL BE CLEARED FOR FLIGHT.

7. MALAYSIA: WHEN REMAINING 9 ELIGIBLE REFUGEES
ARE CLEARED, THEY WILL BE MOVED EITHER COMERCIALY
OR INCLUDED ON PROJECTED CHARTER FLIGHT FROM
SINGAPORE.DALE

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